

## ***CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY BULLETIN***

**Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

**FOCUS: We listen to God's word with our minds, our hearts, and our souls**

**In today's Gospel, Jesus opens the scroll to the prophet Isaiah and proclaims to the listening members of the synagogue that the Scripture is fulfilled in their hearing. What is our response to the word of God? How can we listen better, open ourselves more fully, to God's Word?**

**We can listen in three ways. We can listen with our minds. We can listen with our hearts. We can listen with our souls.**

**First, to listen to the word of God with our mind, we receive God's word in our intellect and we contemplate it-we ponder it-we allow it to stir up images. One person who mastered listening to the word of God with his mind was Saint Ignatius of Loyola. He would read a passage of Scripture, place himself in that Scripture through the eyes of the various characters, to feel their thoughts, and experience everything that they experienced. With today's Gospel reading, he would have imagined himself as a person in the assembly, watching Jesus unroll the scroll and feeling surprise, excitement, and joy when Jesus announced that the Scripture had been fulfilled in his hearing. By listening to the word of God with his mind, Ignatius came to know Jesus in a deeply personal way.**

**Secondly, we listen to the word of God with our hearts. We allow the word to enter our lives, to touch the very core of our being. The word stirs our emotions and it touches our own situations. We hear the word of God stirring hearts in today's first reading. Ezra opens the scroll of the word of God in the presence of the nation of Israel, and all the people, weeping for joy, prostrate themselves before God. They listen to Ezra read and interpret the word, they listen to it, absorb it, and allow it to transform their lives.**

**Now, having the word transform our mind and stir the depths of our heart, we listen with our soul. We enter into conversation with God. We ask: "Lord, what do I need to do to make my life reflect your word?" We listen, sometimes for a very long time, for his answer.**

**This month we celebrate the life of a man who listened to the word of God with his soul. As a young man, Martin Luther King, Jr., observed and experienced firsthand the horrific bigotry and discrimination toward black people in the United States. Through his life and work, Dr. King brought to reality for many people the words of Isaiah: "To bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and release to prisoners" (cf. Is 61:1)**

**As Christians, our goal –our aim-is to conform our lives to God’s plan for us. We do this by holding up our dreams, our desires, and our decisions to the light of the word of God. We ask God how our lives can reflect his word, and we listen for his voice to guide us on our journey.**

**MILITARY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

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*BOOK CLUB MONDAY, Feb 2nd @ 1900, we will be discussing C.S. Lewis’ “**The Screwtape Letters**”*

*POC Michele Perez @446-8108 or Patty Verzola @446-7926*

**SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK OF Jan 25, 2004**

Mon – 2 Timothy 1:1-8, Mark 3:22-30

Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops

Tue – 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19, Mark 3:31-35

Saint Angela Merici

Wed – 2 Samuel 7:4-17, Mark 4:1-20

Saint Thomas Aquinas

Thurs – 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29, Mark 4:21-25

Fri – 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17, Mark 4:26-34

Sat – 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17, Mark 4:35-41 Saint John Bosco

## **ANNOUNCED MASSES**

Sat 24 Jan 0900  
Sat 24 Jan 1715 Vincent Karp  
Sun 25 Jan 0900 Parishioners of MHT  
Sun 25 Jan 1100  
Mon 26 Jan 1205 Betty Fusco  
Tue 27 Jan 1205  
Wed 28 Jan 1205  
Thurs 29 Jan 1205  
Fri 30 Jan 1205  
Sat 31 Jan 0900

### **Attendance and Offering Last Weekend:**

Attendance 527 Offering \$1794.50

**This next Designated Offering: Feb 7/8 will be for  
Food for the Poor.**

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR JAN 31-FEB 1**

1715 T. Buning / M. Leszczynski / Cadet  
0900 M. Siry / B. Wilson / Cadet  
1100 S. Peachey / B. Tiger / T. Povich / M. Torres / L. Wigger / 2 Cadets

### **USHERS FOR JAN 31-FEB 1**

1715 Phillips / Zgonc  
0900 Volunteer / Ryan  
1100 Bagley / Lennox

**ALTAR SERVERS JAN 31-FEB 1**

1715

0900

1100

**LECTORS FOR JAN 31-FEB 1**

1715 Chris Corbett / Robert Balcavage

0900 Larry Morris / Beth Vollmer

1100 Janice Tapay / Jennifer Barrow

***I have a question. Whom do I call?***

**Pastoral Coordinator...**Kate Hayden 938-8760

**Chaplain's Assistant...** SPC Alexander 938-3721

**Director Rel-Ed...** Kay Heppes... 938-8761

Faith Formation, Rel. Education of Children & Adults, RCIA.

**Wedding Coordinator...**Lorraine Finn...932-2784

Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork,

Pre-Cana/Engaged Encounter information.

**Director of Music....** Meredith Baker...938-3544

Adult, Children's and Cadet Choir, Wedding Music, Liturgical Music.

**Pastor....** Fr. Joseph Deponai...938-3721

Reconciliation, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Pastoral and Sacramental Concerns.

Cadet Issues....Fr. Edson Wood....938-2784

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***RECONCILIATION, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION:***

*Wednesday 1820 –1930 at*

*MHT Chapel*

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

**GOD'S TYM (Total Youth Ministries)**

**POC: Michelle Kelley @ 424-3609**

**January 25** - God's TYM movie night, 7-9 pm      **February 1** - No God's TYM-Super Bowl  
**February 8** - Nursing Home Visit      **February 15** - God's TYM Lock-In      **Midnight**  
**Run in March** - Items needed are as follows: 70 - men's briefs; 60 - undershirts (all sizes); used  
and new men's gloves and men's shoes - sizes 10, 11, 12. These items can be left MHT rectory,  
between 0800—1630 Mon thru Fri.

*Dates to Remember*

**Religious Education Highlights:**

25 Jan 04 - Confirmation parent meeting, Thayer Hall Rm. 348, 0920 hrs.  
25 Jan 04 - Confirmation Catechetical Session V, 1900, MHT Cloister Rm.  
26 Jan 04—Celebration of First Penance, 1830 Chapel. "We celebrate forgiveness" reception to follow in  
Rectory.

**POC: "Ms. Kay" Heppes @ 938-8761, yc3921@usma.edu**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST— Training Dates**

***9 Feb 04 MHT Rectory at 1900***

***24 Feb 04 MHT Rectory at 1900***

***All Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EMEs), or those interested in becoming EMEs (to include cadets,) should attend one of the training sessions. This training will help to deepen our understanding of the theology of this important ministry. Please contact Brian & Betty Moretti @ 446-2240 with any questions***

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**    *Are you looking for the perfect Valentine's gift for your husband or wife? Why spend a romantic weekend falling more in love? A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a great romantic getaway. There is a Weekend February 13-15 at the Marion Shrine in Stony Point, NY. For more information, call 212 371-1000 x3190 or you can call Tom & Mary Julich @ 446-1071*

## **Make Your Voice Heard**

Do you want to be a more effective player in the public arena? Then join the new statewide electronic Catholic Advocacy Network. This new network is being established by Cardinal Egan and the bishops of New York State. It will use the power of the Internet and the convenience of email to let you lobby your legislators from your own home, with just a few clicks of the computer mouse. There is no cost. The easiest way to join is to go to [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org) to sign up. Or you can send your name, address, phone number and email address to Catholic Advocacy Network, New York State Catholic Conference, 465 State Street, Albany, NY 12203-1004 (Be sure to mention the name of your parish and that you live in the Archdiocese of New York). Together, we can have an impact!

## **SUNDAY SOCIALS**

**Your parish needs you-no experience required.** Call the Tiger's at 446-3254. Thanks, God Bless

**Catholic Schools Week** 25 Jan-1 Feb is Catholic Schools Week. Sacred Heart School celebrates "A Faith-Filled Future" with an open house for Pre-K-8th grades on 1 Feb from 1030-1330. School Tours will be ongoing and refreshments will be served.

For information call: **446-2674**

## Musings from the Pastor's Corner

This week, we remembered the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. ***We are called to have an absolute respect for human life.***

This begins with respecting the sacred gift of our sexuality. Husband and Wife, in the Sacrament of Marriage, express their consecrated love for each other by keeping each and every act of sexual love open to the unitive and procreative potential of that act. In each sexual act in Marriage God, Husband, and Wife participate in the **on-going act of Creation.** As a married couple shared with engaged couples in my first parish: ***“Our children are our love for each other each with a different name.”***

We have a couple in Most Holy Trinity who teach Natural Family Planning to couples who desire to explore this way of living the Church's teaching on married sexuality. The divorce rate for those who utilize this method of family planning is minimal compared to the societal rate. I encourage our married couples to prayerfully consider using this opportunity.

We are called as Catholics to be for life-**publicly and privately**. There are many superb programs that reinforce life. **The first is your family!** We have so many beautiful and superb families in Most Holy Trinity parish!

Good Counsel Homes provide a series of homes in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut where women bring their children to term, are provided educational opportunities to allow them to live independently with their children. One of these homes is in Spring Valley, New York. If you are looking for a way to support life, I recommend Good Counsel Homes.

I am convinced that God will ask us at the end of our lives what did we do for HIS LIFE.

Confession is the Sacrament where Jesus, the Eternal High Priest, forgives our sins and gives us the strength to live as called by God. It, too, is a key component of the Catholic life ethos!

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Our Lord waits for us in the Eucharist- Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Come and visit with him: **Wednesday, 1820-1930 (6:20PM to 7:25 PM).** Confessions are available during this time!

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Come join us for daily Mass @ MHT: Monday -Friday @1205/ (Catholic Cadet Office (WH) @0630 except training holidays); Saturday at 0900 (MHT); Training Holidays @0900 (MHT).

With Gratitude and Prayer, Fr. Jerry